

**Minutes**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
  - A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Sal Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson; Tom Brandt (arrived at 6:10 p.m.); Stephen Penner.
  - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Traci Tucker.
  - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Jared Hirata (arrived at 7:00 p.m.); Baylee Mayfield.
  - C. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
  - C. Others Present: Henry Perez, representing Victor Perez for Central Valley Athletics.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Penner, that the minutes of March 24, 2011 be approved. The motion carried.
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – None.
4. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Community Recreation Grants Reviewed** – Denise explained that 8 - \$350 awards were made available this fiscal year. Of those, 3 have been awarded earlier in the year. Only one eligible application was received by the Community Services Department for this round:

Henry Perez spoke about the opportunity his son, Victor Perez has to play in a baseball tournament in Omaha, Nebraska. He was chosen to play on the Central Valley Athletics team, which has already done some traveling to tournaments around California. He is requesting this grant to offset some of their costs to attend the tournament in Nebraska. After considerable discussion, the Commission chose not to recommend this applicant stating – 1) This would only benefit one individual; 2) Although other individuals have been funded, the award was given directly to the non-profit group to be distributed as they see fit; 3) This is an out-of-town non-profit organization. Mr. Perez thanked the Commission for their consideration and stated he would pursue donations elsewhere.

**B. Review of Naming Guidelines for Pioneer Park Pavilion** – The Parks and Recreation Foundation has suggested that the Financial Contributions Naming Guidelines for Pioneer Park be loosened a bit in order to encourage donations. Since Adventist Health is coming to town, the timing might be good, as they are very community minded. Item 1b should be changed to – “To receive name recognition for your donation you must contribute a minimum of ~~20% of this cost~~ **\$20,000.**” In item 2, the length of time the name can be on the pavilion changes from 20 years to 10 years. And eliminate the entire item 3 – ~~“In addition to the 20% donation there is an annual maintenance fee (20% of the donated amount) for the duration of the 20 years”~~

The Commission agreed with the Foundation’s recommendation – Motion by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to make the above mentioned changes. Motion carried.

**6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- A. Jared Hirata – Apologized for being late – but explained that he won his tennis tournament.
- B. Baylee Mayfield
  - 1) Talked about her volunteer experience with the Easter Egg Scramble and Relay for Life.
  - 2) Has been talking to other students about applying for the Youth Commission. Wondered if the deadline could be extended a week to allow for other people to apply. Motion by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to extend the deadline for 1 week. Motion carried.
  - 3) Both Youth Reps felt that a website that listed all volunteer opportunities would be helpful for teens that are looking for ways to volunteer in their community.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Joel Glick, Community Services Director
  - 1) Explained that staff is still working on next year’s budget. We are making a few more cuts in the operations. He is revising our department’s organizational chart to better reflect what our department does. This will be given to the City Manager and the Commission.
  - 2) Two Commission meetings may take place in May for the budget – the regular meeting and one earlier in the month.
  - 3) A workshop will be scheduled in May for the Sports Park Proposition 84 grant to build the 4-plex. With this grant no match is required. In addition, 2-3 workshops will take place.
  - 4) At the June meeting, we will be preparing for Parks and Recreation Month. A proclamation will be requested from City Council recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month.

- 5) Boys and Girls Clubs will open their doors on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Their Grand Opening will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> between 4-6 pm.
- 6) Invited the Commission to support the Airport Commission by attending the Airport Barbecue on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Brandt asked if service clubs could be used to help out with manpower. It was suggested that they could really be utilized at the Fiesta Walk/Run.
- 7) Reported that several grants have been awarded recently to the airport.
- B. Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent
  - 1) Two applications have already been received for next year's Youth Representative(s).
- 8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
  - A. Commissioner Melville – Gave staff a stack of S.H.A.R.E.S. cards. Three weeks ago the Foundation was approved by Save Mart to benefit from this program. The customer buys groceries at Save Mart or Food Max, slides the S.H.A.R.E.S. card and 3% of your purchase goes to the Foundation. There is no cost to the Foundation or the user of the card.
  - B. Commissioner Penner – Reported that the Foundation is gaining speed with new people. He feels that when the economy recovers the Foundation will be ready to really expand.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

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Pamela Melville, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Community Services Director

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 26, 2011 and possibly one earlier in the month.**